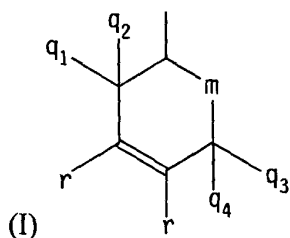


ABSTRACT

Herein is disclosed multilayer packaging articles comprising an oxygen barrier layer comprising ethylene/vinyl alcohol copolymer (EVOH) (an “EVOH oxygen barrier layer”); an oxygen scavenging layer adjacent thereto, wherein the oxygen scavenging layer comprises a polymer comprising an ethylenic backbone and a cycloalkenyl group having structure I:



wherein  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_3$ ,  $q_4$ , and  $r$  are independently selected from hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl;  $m$  is  $-(CH_2)_n-$ , wherein  $n$  is an integer from 0 to 4, inclusive, and, when  $r$  is hydrogen, at least one of  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_3$ , and  $q_4$  is also hydrogen; and a third layer adjacent to the oxygen scavenging layer. In addition to the oxygen scavenging function, the oxygen scavenging layer functions as a tie layer to substantially inhibit delamination of the EVOH oxygen barrier layer from the third layer of the packaging article.